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Exam wreaks havoc

BY LORI NEJAME Managing Editor

Some students who are currently enrolled at LSUS and plan on graduating from LSUS now must take a General Education Proficiency Examination.

'completed or earned credit in English 105 and 115 and Math 121 or higher with grades of Cor better; have already earned at least 45 semester hours of credit; are enrolled for the first time, have re-entered or transferred to LSUS; or have changed curricula since the summer of '87" recently received a postcard from LSUS telling them of the required testing.

However, the postcard did not list specifics dealing with the exam and the reason it is a requirement and some of the students are disgruntled about this.



Dr. Gale Bridger

According to Dr. Gale Bridger, associate vice chancellor of academic affairs, the exam "evolved out of a (larger program) to assure our (LSUS') students and our public that we're doing what we've always claimed — pro-viding quality education."

"Academic Profile II," is an objective test of general education which measures academic skills, according to a newsletter distributed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), which helped develop the test.

Bridger said the general education assessment satisfies both math and English profilciency requirements.

Bridger said she's aware of the fact that students who have transferred to LSUS may have already been tested for profficiency in math and English at another university. But, sine said, the exam will make lit possible to put these transfer students "on the same standamd as everyone else at LSUS! This, Bridger said, "will assume us that when we award a

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Decree: Journalism must be accredited

"It would be asinine not to have a strong mass communications department in the favorable review. They recom-Ark-La-Tex.'

MATT FRAZIER

Staff Writer

Because of a Board of Regents' mandate, LSUS may have to spend \$35,000 to split its communications department into three separate departments and spend a lot of time and effort on bureaucratic red tape, said Dr. Dalton Cloud, chairman of com-

The mandate, issued Feb. 23, stated that all Louisiana journalism programs be accredited by June 1, 1994, or be terminated. Cloud does not agree with the board's actions and said such a mandate is questionable.

Regents examined the LSUS program two years ago and gave a mended only three areas for improvement: reduce credit hours Dr. Dalton Cloud, 1989 for internships, add an advanced reporting course and include press and society in the programs instruction.

> "These were good suggestions and we have implemented them," said Cloud.

> Because of these changes, journalism majors beginning school in the 1990 fall semester will have to complete one less credit hour than the 129 hours previously required, according to the new accademic schedule.

"There are 90 accredited journalism programs in America. Yet the Regent's staff, whose ex-

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*Dr. Gloria Raines, SGA advisor, yesterday, claimed that Royal Alexander is not eligible to run for SGA president because he does not meet one of the SGA by-law's requirements. However, Alexander is appealing Raines' decision, and as of now, is still in the race.

*** CORRECTION

Last week we mistakenly printed that Dr. Charles Wilson denied allegations concerning money LSUS had available for tuition exemptions. Actually, Wilson said that LSUS was "already out of" money for the tuition exemptions.

exander, Smith: late but ready

BY KEVAN SMITH Staff Writer

Royal Alexander, political science senior, at first didn't want to run for SGA president. He would have settled for senator, he

But talks with various students convinced him and vice presidential candidate Craig Smith, finance senior, that they could do a better job in the executive branch.

Alexander and Smith say they have talked to hundreds of students, each with ideas of what is wrong with the SGA.

"Students don't feel they're being represented," Alexander said. "If there had been a positive attitude in this race, I wouldn't be running."

He added, "We've spoken to a cross-section of students. When they don't throw their hands up at the mention of the SGA, then all they have to say are negative things."

Said Smith, "The students of LSUS know exactly what they want. The reasons students at LSUS are complacent and apathetic is part of what the SGA has done."



Royal Alexander and Craig Smith

photo by Kevan Smith

"We consider LSUS too be underrated," said Alexamder. "We consider LSUS to bee the flagship university. It should be it's more demanding academically than many students expect."

He continued, "At the wery least, we want to bring credibility and respect back to the SGJA at

Alexander is state cochairman of the Louisiana State College Republicans. Through neither Alexander nor Simith have LSUS SGA experience, they

consider that a positive point of

"Since we haven't been so involved in student government," said Alexander,"we haven't acquired a great deal of enemies which would hinder our effectiveness."

Smith said, "We are part of no clique and we are no clique."

Both Alexander and Smith are aware of problems on campus and "The issues," said Alexander, "are roughly the same as they've been for many semesters out here. This is due to a lack of

focus by previous SGA ad ministrations."

These issues, he and Smith said, include longer library hours for night students, eliminating fees for drops and adds and getting transcripts, better parking, greater campus security at night and increasing student involvement in campus organizations.

"These are things which can be easily remedled," said Smith.

Budgeting is also one of their planks. Alexander said he sees a need for both more spending and better economizing to solve some of LSUS' problems.

"I'm not convinced," said Alexander, "that the funds that are available, though they have been cut, are being used in the most prudent manner."

Alexander also said that campus racism could be alleviated by spending for events to bring people together.

Alexander and Smith said they have talked to minority groups about racism. The problem, Smith said, is not necessarily between students, but might be between faculty and

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editorial

Time to vote

By LORI NEJAME Managing Editor

It is almost time — time to vote for LSUS' next SGA president and vice president.

LSUS is a strong university — a small university, perhaps, but nonetheless, a strong one! This university is comprised of many well-rounded, intelligent individuals.

We should be, and deserve to be, represented by persons capable of maintaining, strengthening and making use of this plethora of potential.

We don't need a representative who's scared of change — positive change can lead to growth and progress. At the same time, we don't need a radical representative — excess can lead to regression and destruction.

What we need is an SGA president who can relate to our needs and who shares our desires. We need a president who will answer questions, notice problems, propose solutions, be open to suggestions, make changes where changes are necessary and realize where changes are unnecessary.

It seems that LSUS' SGA is somewhat stagnant. Pointing fingers would be hard to do because this stagnation is a result of not one person or action, but many persons and many actions, or rather, lack of action.

This accusation is a result of what you've said, things you talk about, observations you've made.

Changes? Improvements? Growth? Sure, it sounds nice. We'd all like to see changes, improvements and growth in our Student Government Association.

And we can take the first step in attempting to obtain these things. We MUST take the first step in attempting to obtain these things.

It is our responsibility, as students, to vote.

And when we vote, let's keep in mind that qualification entails more than simply experience. It entails leadership qualities; it entails enthusiasm; it entails desire and drive to do the best one can do. And finally, it entails following through with ideas, proposals, recommendations, suggestions and much more.

When we vote, let's keep in mind our desires, our futures, the future of LSUS and our SGA. Let's not vote for the first person on the ballot just because we don't know the candidates.

If we do what we should be doing, we'll know the candidates or at least enough about them to decide who is the most qualified candidate. We can start now. We can ask around, listen to the candidates and on April 12 and 13, we will be able to vote for the most qualified candidate.

Because if we do anything short of this, we will have no right to criticize things we don't like nor will we have the right to bask in glory when things go the way we want them to

We need an SGA president and vice president whose "best" is our "best" — our "best" which means LSUS' "best".

his "best" goes further than making promises, furthi. than saying what has or hasn't been done and even further than getting elected.

Let's do our part in maintaining and attempting to strengthen our university — our university made up of so many well-educated, intelligent individuals who can make a difference.



By LILY DIZON Editor

We were both running, but for different reasons: I was the hunter and he, he was my passport to a pot of gold and I'd be darned if I was going to let him get away. So, away we went

It all started two hours before. There I was, sitting on top of a hill of shamrocks. Waiting. It was midnight and I had been waiting patiently for the little man to come over the hill. This was a yearly ritual in which I participated every March. And every March, I waited in vain. But, it was going to be different tonight. I could feel it in the air...

Two hours and several hundred curses at myself later, just as I was promising "never again" to myself. I distinctly neard a strange, accented voice singing. "Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, away from work I go. . "??!? Did I wait on the wrong hill?

But, wait! It was a finy man. A teeny-finy man wearing a GREEN hat and GREEN clothes and AAAAHHH! I'd finally seen him. "Leprechaun, here I come," I yelled and charged with all my might toward him.

His eyes bulged; his lips quivered; his little body shook

and he RAAAN!

We ran uphill and downhill, across the river, over bushes and I got closer, . .and closer. . .and closer. . .and closer. . .and closer. . .and "I've got you ou ou ou ou ...

Down a hole we went, I twisted, I spun; I floated and finally, I landed.

Thump! I opened my eyes and looked around but he was nowhere to be seen. I had lost him — lost my chance to be rich. I had wasted my life looking for a leprechaun and just when I found him I had to do an Alice in Wonderland. Life just isn't fair. Why is it that—

"Get off of me, ye big monster. I can't breathe," said an accented voice.

Was it him? I gingerly guided my hand to the spot where the voice came from and quickly grabbed him! "I gotcha and I'm not going to let you go until you take me to that pot of gold, Leprechaun!"

"Pot o' gold? Leprechaun? What are ye talkin' 'bout and please can you let me go or 'least give me a wee bit room to breathe?"

I just looked at him and smiled. My grip remained the same.

During the next two

minutes, the miniature man with a beard did everything from screaming to begging to threatening in his attempt to free himself. This was my ticket to real gold. I relaxed my grip slightly, only slightly, and smiled at him.

"All right. I give up. Ye've got me. I'll take ya there but I just want ye t'know that me family will be awfully hungry this St. Paddy's Day. That's for sure, Let's go."

Family? No one ever told me that leprechauns have families. He was just trying to trick me. That was it. But...

He started crying! I hestitated. My grip loosened. And he was lost — gone. He had slipped out of my hand in a flash, giving me a wet kiss and he ran, all the while laughing gleefully.

And that was the last thing I remember before waking up on the hill of shamrocks.

Wait a minute! Waking up? Don't tell me that proverbial, "It was only a dream."

I was all alone on the hill. Never again, I promised myself and just as I was getting up to head for home, I noticed a shimmer on one of the clovers. . It was a gold coin. . . a shiny, beautiful gold coin. . .

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Letters to the Editor:

'Tired of rumors'

I hope everyone can tolerate one more letter about the upcoming SGA elections.

I have been sitting back and listening to the talk going on about the elections, and quite frankly, I am tired of it. I am not interested in rumors, accusations and personal horn blowing, I want the facts! And, when I go to vote, I will vote for the candidates that I feel will do the best job.

I want to vote for someone who will work the whole term representing LSUS, not so meone who comes on strong shortly before the elections.

I agree with Sen. Gaines about it being time to set the record straight with the whole truth. Why don't the candidates let the whole student body know what they have done during their tenure with the SGA? I have heard much close to election time but what about last semester?

How has President Elizabeth Humphreys represented LSUS? Where did she go? How did she spend the money she was given? What did she learn from her travels and

What kind of senators have Lam Nguyen, Tom Bordelon, Raymond Gaines and Dale Kaiser been? Did they attend their meetings? What kind of bills did they bring forth during their terms - not just here at election time?

What kind of executive secretary has Audrey Medicus

This is just an example of some of the issues I would like to see brought forth. Being a former senator myself, I know some of the work that goes intothe offices of SGA president and vice president. I want to know why each of the candidates feels that he is qualified to do the job.

So, now can we please get past who is affiliated with whom, who said what about the other and get on to the real issues. Let us hear about how you have worked to improve LSUS in the past and what you will do to better it in the future.

And, above all, let us remember that we are in college and that we should have outgrown name-calling a long time ago.

Janna Akin z----------

Controversial COSGA trip productive for Medicus

It was my pleasure, along with Senator-at-Large Tanya Nelson and SGA Book Exchange Chairman Bonnie Deason, to attend the Conference on Student Government Associations. The benefits we found while attending the conference are phenomenal. We spent four days thinking and seeing improvements that can be made with our own SGA here at LSUS.

We attended workshops daidaily from Sunday through Tuesdasday Some of the workshops offerffered were: Making the Most of a Sa Student Governments Organianizational Structure: Freshman PncPrograms: Retreats for Your CarCampus Leaders; Volunteerismism; Developmement

Discipline Your Administration: **Building Student Administration:** Relations; and Political Activism in Your Student Government.

The convention gave each of us the variety we desired as well as covering diverse subjects. Needless to say, we came back with massive amounts of information.

The information from COSGA has already begun to work on the LSUS campus. Gov. Roemer's tax package is to be voted on Apirl 29. The passage of this package is vital to the life of LSUS because if it does not pass, our university will lose 25 percent of its funding. This loss translates into the layoff of eight out of every 15 civil service employees on campus. LSUS is already operating on a bare-bones

We, the students, not only at LSUS, but all over the state, must work toward the passage of this tax package, since all schools will be affected. Also, a common symbol such as this will help pull the students across the state together. Both the student coalition and a common symbol are things gained from COSGA.

was proud to represent LSUS' SGA at COSGA. The reform possibilities we found, along with the information gleaned, are imperative to LSUS at this time. If we are to survive we must fight: COSGA gave us the tools that we need to fight.

Audrey D. Medicus SGA executive secretary

LSUS: Haarvard on the bayou?

The question of selective we admission has once again been ran raised at LSUS. Some of the starstandards would include an ACT of cutoff score, a cut-off score on on a placement exam or a rank ofk of 50 percent or better in a graduativating nigh school class. The rationabnale I have heard is if standards are are set at LSUS, students will attempment to meet them.

It sounds as though the univeniversity is having illusions of grandeur. Some universities les are able to restrict admissission plicants than the spaces available. The number of students applying to these univer-

sities set these standards. Correct me if I'm wrong but I don't think anyone is camping out to get into LSUS.

Furthermore, I fail to see how selective admission is an attempt to meet the consent decree. Will selective admission mean remedial courses will be moved to SUS and are we to believe white students will enroll there?

What about the black students taking remedial courses? Do we

send them to SUS also?

On the whole I think selective admission at one or two state universities would be a good idea. These universities would be the state's main research in stitutions.

So, if LSUS thinks selective admission will boost its ego, it should realize the university is no Harvard.

Willie Pryor political science major

??????????????????????????????????? What would you do with a Leprechaun's pot of gold??



PATSY CAMP, fine arts senior: "Share it with a whole bunch of family, friends and my church."



senior: "Fund an art center:"



LAURA KNOTTEK, fine arts CINDY BYRD, fine arts junior: "Pray it isn't chocolate coinsoins."



GILLIAN FERGUSON, math junior: "Trade it in if possible for three wishes or live it up in the lap of luxury."



MICHAEL BATES: history senior: "Use it to bribe my professors."

Belgians invade LSUS teaching while studying

BY MIKE BOWLIN Staff Writer

Moving from Belgium to Louisiana created a huge culture shock for Pierre Schmitz and Alain Schoeder.

The two Belgians arrived at LSUS last fall and are teaching French while attending class on campus. Since then, they have helped each other adapt to life in the U.S.

Schoeder, who became an American citizen in January, has a degree in Modern Languages from E.N. Charles Buls, a college owned by the city of Brussels. He is seeking a second degree in computer science at LSUS, he said

After leaving Brussels, Schoeder spent one year teaching French in Louisiana, then served two years in the Belgian Army before returning to the U.S.

From 1982 to 1988, Schoeder taught French at Shreveport elementary and middle schools as part of CODOFIL (Council for the Development of French in Louisiana).

This semester, Schoeder teaches two French 102 classes and takes 12 hours of computer courses.

Schoeder prefers the U.S. over Belgium for a number of reasons, such as the weather.

"It rains a lot in Belgium,"



J.I.B. MEANS SUPER SHAKES



Alain Schoeder and Pierre Schmitz

itz photo by Matt Frazier

said Schoeder, "I hate that."

Politically, Belgium is unstable, with the government changing "about every two years," he said. Belgium has so many political parties that "they have to form coalitions to stay alive," Schoeder added.

In comparison, "Politics is much quieter in the U.S., even in Louisiana," Schoeder said.

Schmitz, a Belgian citizen, has a bachelor's degree in translation from the University of Mons. He teaches French 101 and a swimming class while taking 15 hours this semester.

This summer, Schmitz must return to Belgium to renew his student visa. He will then decide whether to stay in Europe or return to the U.S. to get his

master's degree.

For Schmitz, the main difference between Belgium and the U.S. is academics.

"It's impossible to work and go to school at the same time," he

said.

Another difference between education in the states and in Europe is "Grades are not very important in Europe," said Schmitz. "Being able to apply the skills you learn in college is important.

"I feel sorry for students who worry about their grades," said Schmitz. "But I understand that the whole system is based on grades."

Most Belgian colleges have year-long courses, instead of two semesters. There is one test at the end of the year, "counting for one-hundred percent of your grade."

Despite these differences, Schoeder and Schmitz have no problem adapting to life in the United States, they said.

Soccer Club:

Waiting for Coach Adloo

By Melissa Welbourne Contributing Writer

Frustration is being hungry for steak and lobster when all you have in the freezer is a Swanson TV dinner and all you have in your pocket is a handful of change.

You can't do anything about the price of cows or crustaceans so you eat your blast-frozen, picture-perfect, three-basic-food groups meal. You are no longer starving but you are still hungry.

Steak and lobster looms on the horizon. You resign yourself to the wait.

The LSUS Soccer Club knows about frustration. For the past several months the club has had to take the TV dinner approach to its sport—sustenance without satisfaction—while waiting for the funds to pay for the best, coach Abdi Adloo.

David Stewart, president of the Soccer Club, is a little on edge from waiting and wanting.

"It's really frustrating," said Stewart. "We are at a standstill because of the red tape of the school. We want a coach. We have people out there who could play soccer if we had a coach and we have a



tentative coach who wants to coach us and we are not doing anything for him. It just racks my brain."

Frustration is waging war with the players. The turnout for practice is down to five or six players who show up to work on conditioning and skill exercises.

James Erbie, senior computer science major, learned to play soccer where soccer really counts — England and Holland. He is ready to get on with the

game.
"A lot of the students are coming and they are getting discouraged," said Erbie.
"Without a coach, people are really reluctant to show up. Once we get Abdi, more and more students will get involved with it. A coach will be like self-advertising: The team has a coach. Come on out."

Dr. Norman Dolch, faculty advisor to the club and sociology professor, is the voice of reason and patience. However, he does not know why the process of getting funding for Adloo is taking so long.

"I'm a little mystified about some of the paperwork issues," said Dolch. "It seems like it has taken more time than it should have. Right now there is really no incentive for players to show up."

While waiting for the funding, Dolch has focused on getting the club on solid footing. That means getting organized by the book to insure the success and longevity of the club, he said.

"We will do it right, within the university, so other club programs community-based or

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Turning The Corner

Hideous Spring

BY TOM EYTON-JONES Columnist

March 20 is, technically, the first day of spring. It is also the first day of Spring Break. Coincidence? Maybe, but who cares? Spring has already started causing me problems and it isn't even here yet (officially)! Why is it picking on

Saturday, March 11: I had to make a trip to Henderson, Texas, to judge a speech contest. The Chief Judge was going to ride with me so I cleaned my car out the night before. In addition to the usual amount of gum wrappers and soda cans under the seats, I came across very confused neighborhood cats who had been living on the contents of that usual refuge. After they became accustomed to sunlight, I released them to the custody of the Great Dane next door who assured me the cats would never get in my car again. I love helpful neighbors.

Unfortunately, the sun went down before I could wash the outside of the car. On the morning of my trip to Taxes. . . oops, make that "Texas" (that's not the first time I've had my "a" in the wrong place!)...l emerged from my domicile into the brilliant sunlight and the overcast stares of my neighbors. Up ed back into my filthy house. I and down the street, driveways were filled with spit-shined automobiles or those "undergoing the treatment." Right in the middle of this suburban glitz was my filthy Honda.

"Don't worry," I shouted, "It will be gone most of the day." Satisfied, most of them went back to waxing their sidewalks.

When I returned in the afternoon, I immediately worked on ing that time: I'll be on my roof my car after the beautiful polishing my shingles!

blonde who had been taking care of my son left (next time, he is going to Texas and I'm staying home!). As the afternoon was rapidly drawing to a close, I had to work fast. It was a bit cumbersome working in a sportscoat and tie but I got the job done. However, I now have the makings of another flower bed in my driveway.

Sunday, March 12: Following a night of dreaming about a 4.0 GPA, I jaunted out in the morning sunlight to retrieve my newspaper. Neighborhood Inquisition was glaring at me again! It couldn't be my car: It shined like a new Cuisinart. What was their problem? Then I noticed they weren't looking at me but at my

My clean car made my house look like an urban renewal prospect. The flower beds were ripe with weeds; my rose bushes looked anorexic and the beige trim was candybar brown.

One of my "concerned" neighbors was poking at my rusty mailbox: "A little spray enamel and paste wax should fix this baby up," he chirped.

"A little mace would fix you up, too," I muttered to myself.

Before they started reading me "the rites of spring," I rushdid, however, make one concession: I opened my garage for the first time in four months and released the various forms of animal and insect life that had wintered there. I also removed their sign: "Winter Quarters. . . The Benton Garage Band." That explains that screeching noise late at night.

Yes, Spring Break is coming but don't bother to call me dur-

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flamebroiled hamburgers with per visit. Not valid with any other

spring preview Fling to follow break

By FADRA TEDESCO Staff Writer

Beach Bash '89 - "I'm really looking forward to it, because campus life needs spicing up, to say the least," said marketing junior, Robert Durham. "Loud music, beer, what more can you ask for?"

Some sand, a few contests, tempting food and a little dancing will serve to fill the rest of the Spring Fling agenda. But, it takes long hours of hard work to produce such a festival — the hard dance. work of LSUS' Student Activities Board (SAB).

SAB works to create the spring celebration. They not only

goes into the Bash, they have to decide the investment required to procure the best for LSUS' students.

Chairperson Mary SAB Friend, said that SAB members "have been working hard and it (Spring Fling) is going to be exciting." She also advises students to "get involved."

Also the fling is funded with student money. And, students play another major role in the success of Spring Fling - atten-

Trey Clark, a former Louisiana Tech student, has never attended LSUS' Spring Fling. He games, organize the contests and said that in spring at Tech, "They find the bands which enhance the had a crawfish fest and it was a big deal, like a carnival and at

Clark admitted there are ma jor differences between Tech and LSUS such as enrollment, the average age of students and oncampus housing. Nevertheless. he believes LSUS' festival is a good idea, because it gives students a chance to meet each other and will help in creating community spirit on campus, he

SAB's members such as Julan Brookshire are, "really anticipating Spring Fling this year," she said, especially since

the students will have two bands EXIT and INNOVATION, a Friday night dance and many other spirited activities to look



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campus

Math lab provides tutorial service

on the use of the tutoring labs on cam-

BY KRISTI SHUPP Staff Writer

Only a few desks, a partition and a few small bookshelves litter the bare, brightly colored room. The bookshelves contain math books and computer science texts - a humanities student's nightmare. But, because of the purpose of this room, the books will not be haunting

This room is known as the Math Lab, located in BH404. It was an early Thursday morning but already several puzzled students were crowded around the tutor's desk as he patiently explained a lesson in real numbers to one of them. When he was finished. Matt Willis, senior education major talked of how he became a math tutor and described some aspects of his job.

Willis was a tutor for the computer science lab but as he progressed in the math curriculum, he submitted a list of completed math courses to the math department. Dr. Stuart Mills, chairman of the math department, said that





Doing Algebra. . . No time to pose!

are used as determinants in hiring. Willis met the department's criteria and decided he wanted to work in the math lab, preferring it to the computer science lab.

Mills said the math lab was started about 14 or 15 years ago on a smaller scale and then increased with the increase of

a prospective lab worker's course funds. The lab is funded by the listings. GPA, and curriculum math department and is overseen by Rogers Martin, math instructor. Martin says that the lab has the same kinds of problems that it has had for the past two to three years. One problem is that sometimes students can't understand the explanations of the tutors. Mills said, "That (ability to explain) will always be

> lesser-qualified programs without actually having to take responsibility for the demise of some programs.

"Instead of saying weaker (journalism) programs should be eliminated, (the board) said all the programs should be accredited," said communications instructor Suzanne Bright, "Louisiana is going to end up looking

Cloud said there is significant amount of cost and work in accrediting LSUS' mass communications program.

The Accrediting Council on pathology and fine arts/music.

The formation of two new

a skill we're looking for and it's a hard skill to know in advance."

But Angelette Armstrong,

freshman English education major, said she's never had a problem understanding tutors' explanations. "They show you many ways of doing the problem so it can be better understood," she said.

Coleen Boyce, physical therapy sophomore, said "I like their attitudes; they're eager to help. I'm amazed at their speed; they're very conscientious." Boyce's only problem with the lab, she said, is that, being a mother, she finds it hard to go to the lab in the mornings or from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Martin said these hours are arranged to fit the schedule of a majority of students.

Boyce found the lab "helpful" because as she said, "I've been out of math for 10 years so I have to chew at it a little bit."

According to Willis, the non-

traditional students are the ones he sees most in the lab. Willis, said the non-trads generally use the lab to study rather than ask questions. "We encourage everyone to come in and work, even if they don't have a question," he said.

Because there are more students taking Algebra, Willis says that most of the questions are algebraic in nature. Willis divided the types of questions into three categories, "Either they don't know what's going on or they'll work a problem and get stuck in the middle, or they work the problem and get the wrong answer."

Armstrong has been bringing her questions to the lab for about two semesters. "A lot of people don't realize it's here," said Armstrong. That, she said, explains why attendance is minimal at times. "More people need to come to the math lab," she add-

an average of six hours of school work that I have to do at home."

Acting Chancellor Wilfred Guerin said it should be determined if accreditation does have its merit, or just a way to put schools "through the hoops."

'We already have a good program," Guerin said. "I can not see, at this stage, how accreditation will be very beneficial."

Cloud said, "Accreditation shows that you are achieving the minimal standards. It's like a merit badge in the Boy Scouts. I am not in opposition to accreditation, just the mandate."

Dr. Joseph Loftin, associate professor of communications said becoming accredited will not help a student get a job. However, accreditation may help them get scholarships.

"There are good things and negative things about accreditation," Loftin said. "We don't have any choice. We are going to go ahead and become accredited. I don't see any problems because there is nothing wrong with our program."

Cloud agreed. "We don't fear the process. I think we can become accredited."

Guerin said it is too early to decide about the communications department because of the pending desegregation case.

"LSUS' communications program is a good one and we want to keep it," Guerin said.

"Shreveport is the communication center for one of the most populated areas in the state, Cloud said. "It would be asinine not to have a strong mass communications department in the Ark-La-Tex.

Journalism. . . (Continued From Page 1)

pertise is not in the field of mass communication, determined that all 10 journalism programs in Louisiana should be accredited." said Cloud. "The review team, whose expertise is well known. did not suggest or mandate accreditation."

Most LSUS' communications instructors think the board's actions are just a way to get rid of

ridiculous," she added.

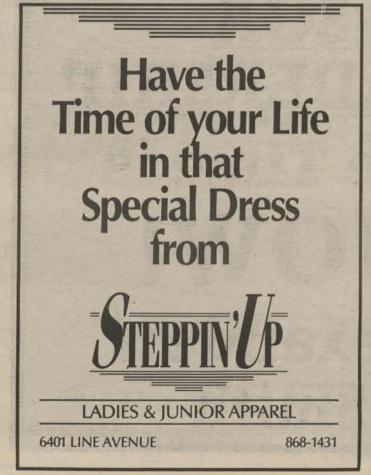
Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACE-JMC) will not accredit a program with less-than-a-department status. The current communications department includes mass communications (journalism and public relations), speech/speech

departments will require hiring at least one part-time instructor to handle the teaching assignment reduction for new department chairmen. Phone supplies and operating expense would add to the cost. Cloud said all this could cost approximately \$35,000 money LSUS does not have.

Accreditation would also reguire that communications teachers be actively involved as practicing professionals to keep abreast of current trends and practices. Three of the five communication teachers already do work outside LSUS

"I think it is important to do some work so I can keep current and learn from my experiences," said Linda Martin, communications instructor. "It enhances my effectivness as a teacher."

Bright had other opinions. "To have to do work outside the school makes it seems like teaching is a part-time job. I have





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Randy should have seen the streamers

Sports Editor

It's been a glorious week in Shreveport for a Philadelphian.

Thanks to the luck of the draw, Louisiana Tech got to play LaSalle in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. For once, those of us from Southeastern Pennsylvania had the pleasure of reading about some of our heroes in detailed accounts. And while everyone wrote about the Bulldog-Explorer, Randy White-Lionel Simmons collision, the Big 5 fans of Caddo Parish sat back and relished the comparisons.

White and Simmons provided the main course. Both were lauded as dominating inside players, and the inspirational gurus of their respective teams. Their stats were spated with superlatives and they each received All-America attention.

But when their backgounds were excavated, the comparisons seemed to slow to a trickle.

White,21, was an unknown quantity coming out of Shreveport's Huntington High. Despite averaging 22.5 points and 15 rebounds and garnering second-team all-state honors as a senior, many recruiters questioned his on-court work habits.



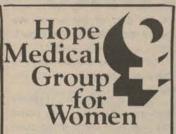
J.I.B. MEANS FANTASTIC FAJITAS Tech Coach Tommy Joe Eagles didn't doubt White though, and four years later, he's an elated coach. Eagles has said that, if Karl Malone worked as hard at Tech as White has, the Mailman would be a much better player.

As for Simmons, there was never any question. Coming out of Southern High in Philadelphia, his stardom seemed inevitable. He was named Public League player of the year in 1986 and led his team to the city title. Playing on the same team with former Temple star Nate Blackwell and current Pitt standout Brian Shorter helped Simmons showcase his talent.

He was recruited nationwide but chose to stay home and experience Big 5 basketball, the sultry, streamer-ridden Palestra and the inner-city battles with Villanova, St. Joe's, Temple and Penn.

Now, Simmons is mentioned in the same breath as the greats of Big 5 lore: Tom Gola, Guy Rodgers, Hal Lear, Tony Price, Maurice Martin, Ed Pinckney,...the list goes on. It's almost a shame yesterday's game wasn't played at the Palestra. Then White and his teammates would have felt the eerie historical potion that wafts out onto 34th Street.

Yes, the past is very different for these two players, just like their hometowns. However, their futures, in all likelihood, will be similar.

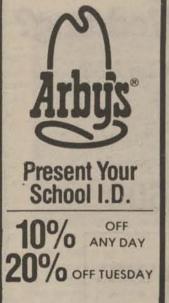


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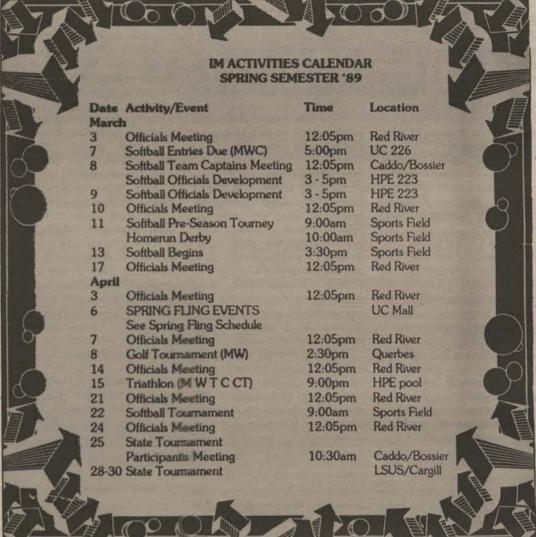
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Jam Crew wins tournament

John Carmedy hit a 3-point shot off an inbounds pass with two seconds left to give the Jam Crew a 48-47 victory over Withourselves and the Intramurals Championship.

Carmedy's 15 points led the Crew, 6-5, and helped offset a 30-point explosion by Steve Hurn of Withourselves. Withourselves finished the season 8-3.

SGA LEADERSHIP The Time is NOW! Alexander/ Smith

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degree, the students will have the same basic general level of

"We know that we're asking our students to do something others (universities) aren't," Bridger said, adding, "But, they're supposed to be."

Explaining this, Bridger said that the Louisiana Board of Regents mandated that the university measure student proficiency in courses already

Though the Board of Regents, and not the LSUS administration, is requiring that the exam be taken, students are upset with the university.

"I feel frustrated. . .," said Susan Molnar, public relations junior. "... What keeps LSUS from throwing more of these exams at me and threatening me with no degree if I do not pass these tests?"

Unlike Molnar, Jennifer Manco, sophomore business major, does not "think it's any

Smith said that when talking

to non-white students, he found

that many of them perceive the

faculty to be biased toward them.

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students

big deal," she said, adding, "I think people are upset more because it's trouble to go because it's inconvenient and not because they're afraid they won't pass it."

Bridger said that though the test results won't require a student to retake classes, students must pass the exam before they can graduate from LSUS. And, there will be "no indication on (any official) record of the number of times a student takes it (the exam)." Bridger said. But, what will show on record is that a student has passed both the math and English proficiency requirements, she said.

Also, Bridger said that students who must take the exam should be able to pass it because it is designed for sophomore level students

However, Molnar said she is primarily upset because she has already taken a math proficiency exam and passed it. "I would agree to take the English exam if that was the end of it. " she said. ". . . I have to miss

community, and that part of the

blame lies on the SGA. His con-

cerns for LSUS' future are "two

things mainly - that LSUS

become a more unified campus,

and that LSUS becomes a more

viable institution in the communi-

ty so that people don't leave it

paign so far, all out-of-pocket,

they said. They said they pro

Alexander and Smith have

and definitely no GOP

after one year."

classes that I have already paid for. . .in order to take an exam to prove what I have already

Molnar is not alone in her concern about the necessity and convenience of the exam.

Bridger and the secretaries in the Office of Academic Affairs, said they have had many calls from students. Bridger also said she has had complaints from students who have already taken and passed a math proficiency exam which LSUS urges students to take upon completion of Math 121.

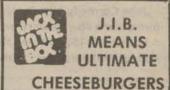
Though Bridger said there is no way to separate the math from the rest of the exam, students who have already passed a math proficiency exam at LSUS have "no need to be concerned," because it is already posted on their transcripts, she said.

Also, Bridger said the scores students who take the exam."

will be looked at by the Board of Regents and that the exam 'puts LSUS' programs at more of a risk than it does the

funds, but would report it if they

Their most important goal is to see LSUS students become involved, they said. Their campaign so far has been a grassroots effort, and they feel, based on vocal support, that they stand a good chance of winning.





EXIT to play April 7.

Adloo... (Continued From Page 4)

at other colleges and universities will perceive us as being well-organized and competent. What is clear is that we have to have a quality coach," Dolch said.

The man of the hour, Coach Abdi Adloo, understands the player's feelings of frustration.

"It's just like any other matter in life," said Adloo, explaining, "If you wait too long, you are going to be disappointed. Right now they are ready to go."

If the players have to wait much longer, they will abandon the will to play, he added.

Adloo's introduction America was an auspicious one but he does not believe in

giving up in athletics or in life.

"I came to this country with \$3,200 and someone stole it from me," he said, continuing, " knew how to say yes in English and I knew how to say no in English. That is all. Now, look

Abdi Adloo is no stranger to soccer and coaching. He was a member of a World Cup Team and a member of the Iranian National Team in the 1972 Olympics. He has coached in Shreveport since 1979.

Also, Adloo has a patient at titude about the slow, steady growth of soccer in this area.

"We are in a part of the country where soccer is not yet very strong. It is still in the womb, still growing," he said, adding, "All over the world they play soccer. This game belongs to all of the world and we are part of the world. We should be part of the sport,

Adloo is more than ready to 'help the boys at LSUS im-

prove their skills."
"I want to see the students enjoying what they are doing and I can help them accomplish more. Hopefully, they will pass soccer down to their children or their community. Wherever they go in the future, they can pass the game to the next generation," he said.

The LSUS Soccer Club will be more than happy to oblige Abdi in return for his guidance and expertise. For now, the club will have to sustain itself on the basics while casting a hopeful eye on the future.

The Roman Poet Ovid once said, "Have patience and endure." Translation: When all you have is a TV dinner; eat it and wait for the steak and lobster - that day will come.



gram," said Alexander, "would spent about \$75 on their cam-

Alexander says that LSUS is bably won't take any contribu-

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